

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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The High Desert Corridor was officially designated in Section 1304 of the Federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users as a High Priority Corridor on National Highway System from Los Angeles to Las Vegas via Palmdale and Victorville. On November 8, 2006, the Board of Supervisors approved Agreement 75922, a joint powers agreement with the County of San Bernardino, to create a nonfunded High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority (HDCJPA) to pursue funding and provide for the planning, design, construction, financing, operation, and maintenance of a new freeway/expressway known as the High Desert Corridor (HDC) between the County of Los Angeles in the vicinity of the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale and the County of San Bernardino in the vicinity of the Cities of Victorville, Apple Valley, and Adelanto.

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The HDCJPA plans to administer a study of ridership and revenue potential for a passenger rail component and a tolled highway component of the HDC transportation project. The County's financial contribution to this study will further the development of the HDC transportation project and its intended purpose to enhance access and connectivity to regional transportation facilities and improved mobility for County of Los Angeles residents, thus supporting the Countywide Strategic Plan of Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2).

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the recommended authorization herein is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15262 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. This exemption provides for the feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded.
2. Approve and instruct the Director of Public Works or her designee to transfer up to \$250,000 to the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority, of which the County is a member, for a study of ridership and revenue potential for a passenger rail component and a tolled highway component of the HDC transportation project. Funding for the County's contribution is available from Fifth Supervisorial District discretionary funds that are included in the Department of Public Works' General Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.